

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-13 are pending in the above identified application. Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 9 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 5, 557,887 to Fellows et al. Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Fellows et al. Claims 11-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,172,475 to Fitzgibbon et al. Claims 4, 7, and 8 stand objected to as depending from a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if re-written in independent form. The rejections and objections as they may apply to the claims presented herein are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1 has been rewritten to include the limitations of claims 3 and 4. Claim 6 has been rewritten to include the limitations of claim 7. Claim 11 has been rewritten to include the limitations of claim 4. Consequently, since claims 1 now includes all the limitations of claims 3 and 4, claim 6 includes all the limitations of claim 7, and claim 11 includes all the limitations of claim 4, it is believed these claims are allowable given the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 4, 7, and 8. Because the subject matter of claims 3, 4, and 7 has been incorporated into other claims, claims 3, 4 and 7 have been cancelled. The remaining claims 2, 5, 8-10, and 12-13 depend directly or indirectly upon claims 1, 6, and 11 and, consequently, it is believed that claims 2, 5, 8-10, and 12-13 are also allowable.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this Application to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

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